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FORECAST:

Wilmington and vicinity: Fair and not so warm today; Tuesday fair and slightly warmer.

Lewis Wants Mines Closed

UMW Leader Stands Firm On Demand That Only Two Pits Be Opened

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—John L. Lewis stood firm today on his demand that all but two coal mines remain closed as hazardous, voiding the last slim hope of averting an indefinite mine safety shutdown at midnight tonight when his week-old "memorial" work stoppage expires.

In rejecting the demand, the government passed the play back to Lewis, making it clear that any further interruption of production would be the UMW's responsibility.

Lewis declined comment on the government attitude and refused to hint at his future strategy.

Asked if he would accept the government's invitation to cooperate in getting the mines back into production, he said:

"I would have no comment of any character."

One government official, expressing a view shared by private coal operators and some members of Congress, said Lewis obviously was taking advantage of the safety issue to pull the strike he had planned for April 1 but which the Supreme court enjoined.

He said Lewis may have "overplayed his hand." He doubted if the mine boss wants another head-on collision with the courts.

May Back Down

"I look for Lewis to do some fancy and resourceful maneuvering — say in about a week — that will permit him to back down and not lose too much face," this official said. "Aside from the court angle, the public sympathy has aroused for the miners may be replaced by anger over his tactics. The miners are sure to suffer in the long run."

But reports from the coal fields indicated that Lewis would have almost solid backing, whatever course he takes. UMW district office.

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SECRETARY OF LABOR Lewis B. Swelleben, tells newsmen in Washington that he has not given up hopes of preventing the threatened nationwide telephone strike.

The Secretary holds three fingers aloft, indicating his three "experiences in which we had to wait until the last 24 hours before we could get both parties to seriously discuss settlement." — (International.)

NATION'S DEVOUT ATTEND SERVICES

Americans Greet Easter Dawn By Bowing Heads In Prayer; Pageants

By The Associated Press

Americans greeted the Easter dawn yesterday by bowing their heads at services on river banks and mountains, in park and stadiums, and listening again to the story of Christ and the resurrection.

Hours before Easter services drew worshippers to church, the traditional sunrise rituals—some dating back more than 100 years—drew crowds to the vast outdoor settings in the nation's major cities.

Most of the services were held under ideal weather conditions, although at scattered points cold winds and cloudy skies chilled the faithful.

In New York City 1,000 persons gathered in Central park for one of the half-dozen sunrise services at which the themes were the need for faith and hope in God and peace.

Thousands gathered on the banks of the Grand Canyon for the 13th Easter service in that picturesque setting.

In the Wichita mountains near Lawton, Okla., worshippers representing most of the states in the Southwest participated in a pageant that began at 11 p. m. Saturday and lasted until dawn. Highway patrol officers estimated the crowd at 200,000 and said some of the visitors began arriving Friday. The pageant depicted scenes in the life of Christ and culminated in the resurrection scene. The weather was perfect.

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CZECHOSLOVAKAIN CONSUL MURDERED

Body Of Geza Rac Found On Steps Of Palais Chaillot In Paris

PARIS, April 6—(AP)—The body of Geza Rac, 40-year-old Czechoslovak consul, clubbed and strangled, was found lying early today on the steps of the Palais of Chaillot, in the shadow of the Eiffel tower.

Police announced they were looking for a blonde woman companion with whom Rac was known to be friendly until about a week ago.

Czechoslovak embassy officials dismissed any suspicion that a political crime was involved. Police, pointing to the 58,000 francs (about \$480) still in Rac's pocketbook, insisted that robbery was not the motive.

Rac's body lay—at least 12 hours on the steps of the modern Chaillot palace where the weekly drawings of France's national lottery most often are held.

A French subway worker walking home at 1:15 a. m. told police he saw a man lying there grunting "but I thought he was only a drunkard and didn't investigate any further."

By 8 a. m., when police were called, the Bratislava-born official was dead. His watch had stopped at 12:45.

Rain Washes Clues

Rain washed away clues throughout the night but police allowed the body to remain on the palace steps until after 1 p. m. while they continued their inquiry.

The police said contusions on Rac's legs indicated he might have been clubbed into unconsciousness at the palace steps, on a terrace overlooking the Seine.

The Czechoslovak ambassador, Jindrich Nosek, and a vice-consul identified the body. They told police that Rac was wearing the same clothing he had on when he left the consulate before noon Saturday.

He said at that time that he had errands in town and would not return.

Buttons on his overcoat had been torn away. He had received two blows on the forehead and there were strangulation marks on his neck.

Recently divorced, Rac had been living in a flat not far from where his body was found.

Police declined to discuss their search for the woman.

Jaycees Enter Home Hearing

Commerce Representative To Attend Meeting Today In Courthouse

By GEORGE HASLAM
Star Staff Writer

The Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, which for several years has taken an active interest in the affairs of the New Hanover County, will be represented by J. S. Sellers, president of the civic club, said he would call upon the organization's special investigating committee to attend the commissioners' meeting to throw light upon the matter which has been under probe by the board most of last week.

About three months ago, according to Sellers, the Jaycees' committee headed by Bob Dannenbaum and including Wallace West and Lloyd Dunn made a thorough probe of the county institution.

Definite improvement in the appearance and operation of the home was included in the civic club's report, both Sellers and the committee chairman revealed.

Commissioner Trask's star witness at today's session will be a former superintendent of the institution and a former nurse. G. Long, who now is serving as superintendent of the home's farm, while the ex-employee is Mrs. D. O. Covington, whom

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HOPE OF HALTING TELEPHONE STRIKE FADES AS CONCILIATORS MAKE PLEA; 15,000 HOMELESS IN THREE STATES

Tornado Hits Western City

Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania Suffer Heavy Damage; 11 Killed

BULLETIN
DETROIT, April 7—(Monday)—(AP)—Two large Michigan cities—Flint and Lansing—were placed in a state of emergency last night as they bore the brunt of wind-whipped flood waters rampaging over much of the lower peninsula.

Three deaths were attributed to the high water and winds up to 60 miles an hour. Thousands were homeless, travel and communications were disrupted and numerous industries were periled.

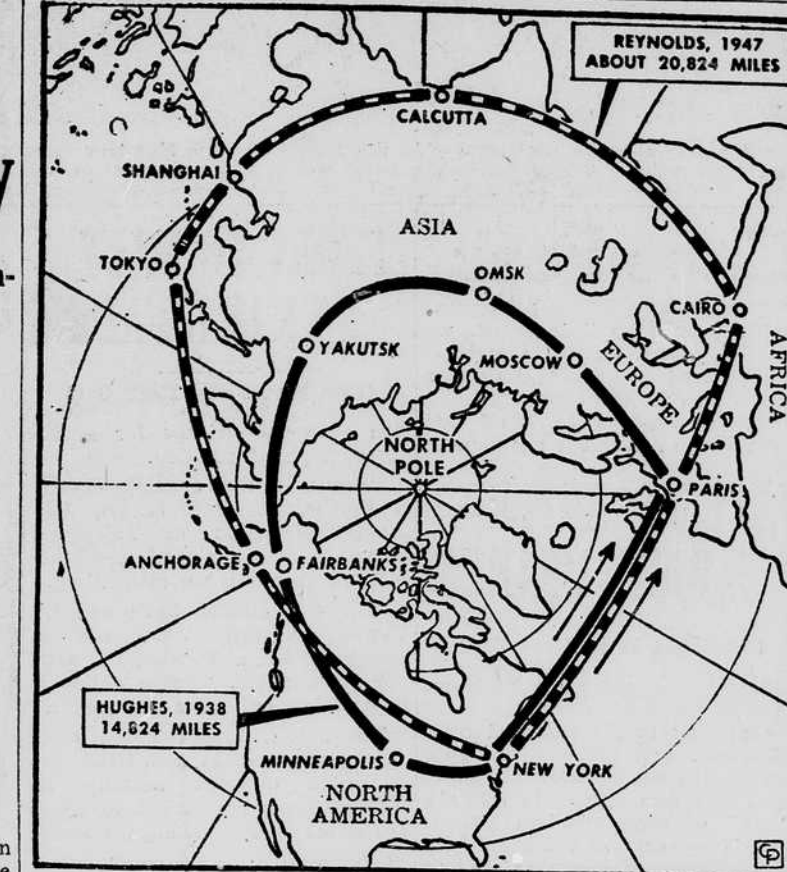
CHICAGO, April 6—(AP)—An estimated 15,000 persons were homeless or stranded in their homes today as spring floods ravaged large areas of the Midwest and East.

Storms, floods and tornadoes, which have battered the Midwest since early Saturday, had killed at least 11 persons. Four died in an Oklahoma tornado, three youths drowned in Kansas when their boat capsized in a gale. Two persons died in Indiana, one in Illinois and one in Michigan.

The worst flood in years crippled parts of Southern Michigan. Approximately half of the 17,000 residents of Mt. Clemens, Mich., were marooned in their homes. Flood waters swirled through sections of at least 15 other Michigan towns and communities.

Easter Sunday parades were spoiled in most sections of the country by dismal weather. Exceptions were New York city, where skies were sunny and temperatures in the 70's; California and Florida, and sections of the Southwestern plains and lower Mississippi valley. Chicago's Michigan boulevard, whipped by high winds, was deserted throughout the morning.

Rain-swollen rivers and creeks had overflowed their banks in areas of Iowa, Nebraska, Northern Illinois, Western New York and Pennsylvania. Illinois, Michigan and Pennsylvania were hit hardest.



HAS THE WORLD BECOME A WEEK-END HOLIDAY?

The answer rests with what happens to Milton Reynolds (above), 54, Chicago manufacturer, and a reconverted A-26 Douglas bomber which he believes to be the fastest private plane in existence. Now undertaking the 20,000-mile journey, Reynolds has insisted that the 91 hours, 14 minutes record set by Howard Hughes can be cut in half. The area he expects to cover in some 50 hours is shown on the above map. Arrangements include stops for refueling at Paris, Cairo, Calcutta, Shanghai, Tokyo and Anchorage, Alaska—and then a return to LaGuardia Field, N. Y., the starting place. Unable to get permission to fly over Russia, the pilot is William Odom, of Roslyn, N. Y. — (International.)



Walkout Set Beirne Says

Warren Issues Statement Parties Are Discussing Pay Compromise

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren announced late tonight that the government "is discussing a compromise proposal with the parties in a final attempt to work out a peaceful settlement" of the threatened telephone strike.

Warren's statement was given to reporters at 10:15 p. m. (EST) through a labor department spokesman who said he could not elaborate on the proposal.

Warren directed conciliators in a score of cities across the nation to keep representatives of telephone companies and telephone workers union "in continuous session until formulas for settling the dispute have been worked out."

The National Federation of Telephone workers, meantime went ahead with plans to stage the first nationwide phone walkout at 6 a. m., local time, Monday, in support of a \$12 weekly wage increase and other contract demands.

Haggard government labor trouble-shooters sought to bring officials of the Bell system and the independent NFWU into some kind of agreement on arbitration of their differences prior to Warren's announcement.

No Light

The conciliation chief threw no light on whether he and assistant Secretary of Labor John W. Gibson had abandoned their efforts to reach a compromise on arbitration.

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RELIGIOUS STRIFE TAKES 90 LIVES

Many Villages Burned When Hindus, Moslem Bands Clash In India

NEW DELHI, April 6—(AP)—At least 90 persons have been killed and 22 Indian villages burned during the past week in an outbreak of religious warfare.

In Calcutta, a government communiqué said 2,353 persons had been arrested in that city since March 26 in connection with Hindu-Moslem disturbances.

A district officer, describing the disorders, said hill Moslems stole a buffalo from a Hindu village. A Hindu party captured the animal but were attacked by more Moslems.

A crowd of Hindus officially estimated at 1,500 gathered to take revenge. Police broke up the demonstration and arrested 75, but within a few hours fires had been started, and within two days half a dozen Hindu and Moslem villages had been razed.

Down From Hills

Marauders swept down from behind the hills for burning and pillaging.

A military officers said many raiders on both sides were demobilized soldiers.

A few were trapped and shot, but district officials said only about 20 have been killed by police among thousands evidently showing in the looting.

More Hindu villages have been burned in this specific area than Moslem, but more Moslems have been killed than Hindus. This was due, officers said, to the fact one Moslem village was caught by surprise, and 26 persons were cut down by axes and spears.

The Weather

FORECAST:
North Carolina—Fair and not so warm Monday, slightly warmer Tuesday.
South Carolina—Fair and continued warm Monday and Tuesday.
(Eastern Standard Time)
By U. S. Weather Bureau
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday:
TEMPERATURES
7:30 a. m. 67; 7:30 a. m. 68; 1:30 p. m. 70; 7:30 p. m. 66; Maximum 80; Minimum 66; Mean 73; Normal 70.
HUMIDITY
7:30 a. m. 90; 7:30 a. m. 85; 1:30 p. m. 82; 7:30 p. m. 83.
PRECIPITATION
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.0 inches.
Total since the first of the month 0.84 inches.
TIDES FOR TODAY
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)
Wilmington
HIGH 11:14 a. 5:57 p.
LOW 11:52 a. 6:23 p.
Moonrise 9:18 p. Moonset 6:37 p.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m. 6 feet.
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FRANCE TO STAND BY SIDE OF U. S.

General De Gaulle Stresses This At Unveiling Of Statue

STRASBOURG, France, April 6—(AP)—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, paying tribute today to American soldiers lost in the liberation of France, declared his country would stand beside the United States against any new tyranny.

The French wartime leader addressed with U. S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery at the unveiling of a plaque at Strasbourg cathedral bearing the names of Americans killed in the liberation of Strasbourg.

"If it should ever happen, by some misfortune, that a new tyranny comes to menace all or part of the universe," the general said, "we are certain in advance that the United States and France will stand together in opposing it."

For De Gaulle's followers, from many sections of the country, jammed into this flag-decked Rhine city, today's ceremonies were merely the prelude to the important political statement the general will make to a purely French gathering tomorrow.

"It is a fact," De Gaulle said in speaking of the United States, "that this young nation, like our own elderly country, has shown not only love for its own liberty but, still more, a respect for that of others."

Similar ideas, he said, had bound the two nations together in a "truly exceptional moral tie" which no vicissitude could break.

de Gaulle sent a special message to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, as the former allied commander-in-chief of both American and French troops in the liberation of Alsace.

SPECIAL PROGRAM TO LAUNCH DRIVE FOR CANCER FUND

The state Cancer fund campaign will be officially launched today when two of the drives top officials and Governor Gregg Cherry participate in a special radio broadcast.

The program, which may be heard here over WMFD at 4:30 p. m. and WGNI at 6:30 p. m., will feature talks by Mrs. George E. Marfall, state commander of the women's field army, and the Hon. John D. Larkin, state campaign chairman.

Governor Cherry will read a proclamation designating April as the official month for the drive to raise \$168,000.

The New Hanover county drive under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Sorosis club with a goal of \$4,500 will start officially next Monday.

OVERFLOW CROWD TO HEAR GROMYKO

Russian Delegate To Reply To Truman Plan Of Greek-Turkish Aid

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 6—(AP)—The Russian reply to the American's stop-Communism drive will be made tomorrow in the United Nation's Security council.

Soviet Delegate Andrei Gromyko promised a "full" comment on President Truman's proposal to send \$400,000,000 in aid to Greece and Turkey.

Gromyko's speech will be the first detailed Soviet reaction to the "Truman doctrine," and it probably will not be gentle.

The factum Russian already has insisted that the Greek-Turkish aid program is an "entirely new" question that should be a separate item on the Security council agenda. The council's ordinary duty is to consider only questions which are likely to endanger the peace.

The Security council meets tomorrow afternoon, but Gromyko also was expected to speak earlier at a morning session of the UN disarmament commission.

Along The Cape Fear

MORE HORRORS—After a quiet weekend that included attending one of the spectacular sunrise ceremonies near the banks of the Cape Fear, we felt sure that the horrors in store for us as a result of the new chain letter had would vanish from our memories.

But lo and behold, upon our arrival at the office Sunday afternoon what should greet us but another warning from our kind friends.

You may recall that Saturday morning we told how our friend cautioned that Along The Cape Fear may be doomed to suffocation under an avalanche of letters.

FURTHER STUDY—"Further study shows this chain letter menace, worse than originally feared," is the not so chery start of the new warning to us.

"The figures prove that if only two persons, out of each five who receive these well-wishing letters, carry on this April foolishness, that on that dread and terrible day six months hence, the letters coming into North Carolina post-offices would cover the entire state to a depth of around 500,000 sextillion miles.

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SEVEN MEN CITED IN LABOR PROBE

House Committee Accuses Unionists Of Dominating Market

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—A House committee accused a seven-man labor union "hierarchy" today of dominating the Philadelphia produce market through "violence, intimidation and extortion."

The anti-racketeering subcommittee of the House Expenditures committee leveled its accusations against local 929 of the International Teamsters union (AFL).

In a report submitted to Rep. Clare E. Hoffman (R-Mich) chairman of both the subcommittee and the full committee, the union "hierarchy" was identified as:

Abraham Goldberg, president; George Swift, vice president; Harry Daniels, financial secretary; Anthony Grisoldi, recording secretary; and Louis Brody, Albert Di Giovanni and Reece McCoullough, trustees.

In Philadelphia, Edward Davis, an attorney for the union, said it would have no comment on the committee's statements until it has had full opportunity to study the whole report.

Calling the local's activities "defiantly trant and unprincipled chants, commission agents and banditry," with farmers, merchant employes among those who suffered, the committee added: "So complete was the rule and reign of these persons that Philadelphia's produce market was pervaded by a purposefully generated and carefully nurtured atmosphere of intimidation and coercion, equally oppressive to labor and management alike, and so powerful as to cause commerce to halt or flow at the arbitrary whim and fancy of those who exerted that authority."

Dominated Street

The union's domination of the Dock street market area, through which some 5,000 carloads of produce and fruit normally move monthly, began in 1941, the committee said.

FLIGHT HALTED

New York, April 6—(AP)—Milton Reynolds, millionaire plane manufacturer, postponed his round-the-world flight again today when trouble developed in his plane's radio.

The Reynolds Bombshell, a converted twin-engine A-26 bomber, was transferred to the Newark Airport today for a take-off tomorrow if repairs are completed on the radio.

ONSLOW COUNTIAN KILLED IN CRASH

Mrs. Henry Q. Johnson Of Jacksonville Fatally Injured Near Atkinson

ATKINSON, April 6—An otherwise peaceful Easter was marred in Pender county by a traffic accident near here this morning which claimed the life of Mrs. Henry Quincy Johnson, of Jacksonville, Sheriff Jack T. Brown, of Burgaw, reported tonight.

Riding with her husband and two daughters, the Johnson automobile overturned several times near the city limits of Atkinson throwing Mrs. Johnson from the automobile and inflicting fatal injuries.

She was attended by Dr. G. C. Beard of Atkinson who arrived at the scene of the accident shortly before she died.

Johnson, a native of the Atkinson section, was released under \$800 bond pending a coroner's inquest, according to Sheriff Brown.

H. E. Blake, coroner of Pender county, has called a hearing for 8 p. m. Thursday at the courthouse in Burgaw.

Only Mrs. Johnson was injured in the wreck, according to Sheriff Brown, who was summoned to the scene of the crash, which occurred about 10:45 a. m. today, by Dr. Beard. The children's age were given as six and three-years-old by Sheriff Brown.

BRITISH UNIONISTS RECEIVE THREATS OF INJURIES TO WIVES

BLACKPOOL, England, April 6—(AP)—Two Blackpool trade union officials have received swastika-decorated threats that acid would be flung in their wives' faces unless the officials withdrew from all political activity.

Ellis Smith, member of parliament and president of the Lancashire and Cheshire Federation of Trades councils, said today he would take up the threats with House of Commons or police authorities.

S. Hudson, an official of the Transport and General Workers union, received one of the typewritten letters. The second official was not named. Neither man plans to give up politics.

MOLOTOV ACCUSES U. S. OF VIOLATION

Soviet Minister Writes Marshall About Withdrawal Of Troops

MOSCOW, April 6—(AP)—Foreign Minister Vichaslav Molotov in a written communication to Secretary of State George C. Marshall has accused the United States of failing to withdraw its forces from China in accordance with agreement March 10 that the Japanese ministerial circles said today.

Contents of the memorandum were not officially disclosed and this report was not confirmed. But informants said that Molotov followed the usual Soviet line of accusing the United States of failing to get its troops out in conformity with the American-British-Russian Moscow agreement of 1945.

It was not known whether the communication made any reference directly to Marshall's statement that he was uninformed regarding the fate of 700,000 Japanese prisoners in Russian-occupied Manchuria.

Molotov started the Big Four by demanding at their first session March 10 that the Chinese question be put on the program. Marshall and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin refused and it was finally decided to exchange information by memorandum before April 1.

Marshall circulated his own memorandum to Molotov, Bevin and the Chinese embassy March 31 announcing that the United States proposed to maintain only a necessary 180 men in China after June 1. It was then that he made the reference to Japanese troops captured by the Russians in their brief war-end campaign in Manchuria. It has been reported that the Japanese are being used in forced labor.

COMMUNIST BAND FLEES TO NORTH

Chinese Red Detail Which Killed Five, Wounded 16 Marines Escapes

TIENTSIN, China, April 6—(AP)—The Chinese Communists who killed five U. S. marines and wounded 16 in a raid on an ammunition dump Saturday were believed today to have made good their escape, although a Chinese government army battalion was in pursuit.

There was no word of any Marine pursuit since a Marine observation plane reported sighting the fleeing Communist column several miles north of the Hsinho depot at midday Saturday.

Chinese Red Detail Which Killed Five, Wounded 16 Marines Escapes

And So To Bed

Add disappointed women at Easter time.

This young lady purchased a rather expensive suit, then decided to have it cleaned before wearing it in the Easter Parade. Upon its return from the cleaners the suit had shrunk.

She fussed and fumed and then got out last year's creation only to find it was a wee bit too small.

In final desperation she rushed down town late Saturday afternoon to purchase another ensemble, this time a skirt and blouse.

Yesterday she was all dolled up in her "Easter outfit," but she neglected to note that Hubby had painted the porch rocker Saturday.

Yes, you guessed it. She sat in the chair while Hubby went for the car.

Net result—Three strikes and the lady was out.

This morning she refuses to speak to her husband, the cleaner or herself.

The cleaner for ruining her suit.

The husband for painting the chair.

And her self for gaining weight.

Wilmington, N. C., Monday, April 7, 1947